

the Nation's immigration laws, which allows 8 million illegal immigrants to remain in the workforce. Those jobs rightfully belong to citizens and to legal immigrants.

Enforcing the law is not only the right thing to do, it is what the American people want. Any jobs summit that doesn't address the jobs occupied by illegal immigrants ignores American workers.

PROMOTING JOBS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

(Mr. MICHAUD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MICHAUD. Almost every Mainer has been affected by this recession or knows someone who's been struggling. Moving forward into the new year, our Nation's record unemployment rate threatens our economic recovery.

While I do not support a second stimulus bill, we must refocus our efforts on initiatives that create jobs and promote long-lasting economic development. We must continue to help those who are unemployed in this country support their families until they are able to find a job. And we must pass serious reforms and make efforts to reduce our unsustainable debt, because we cannot grow our economy on the backs of future generations.

Any initiatives considered by Congress must be targeted and fiscally responsible to build a foundation for long-term economic growth.

HONDURAN FREE ELECTIONS

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the people of Honduras just completed their successful national elections.

In June, Honduran President Manuel Zelaya tried to change his elected office into a dictatorship. He's the guy that's buddies with Venezuelan dictator Hugo Chavez. Zelaya organized a mob and tried to nullify his term limits to hold on to power. His actions were illegal under Honduran law. Zelaya was arrested by the army under order of the Honduran Supreme Court. And even though the United States inappropriately tried to interfere, he was removed from office by their Congress for violating their constitution.

On Sunday, the people of Honduras elected Porfirio "Pepe" Lobo, a conservative businessman, as their new President. Congratulations to the people of Honduras for sticking to the rule of law despite great odds. They held free and fair elections. This national triumph for the people of Honduras is a victory for all those anywhere in the world who live in freedom and seek freedom over tyranny.

And that's just the way it is.

IN MEMORY OF ARMY SPECIALIST JESUS FLORES, JR., OF LA MIRADA, CALIFORNIA

(Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a fallen soldier from my district.

Jesus Flores, Jr., 28, from La Mirada, California, was killed in action on October 15 of this year in Afghanistan. He leaves behind his mother, father, four sisters, and one brother.

Jesus enlisted in the Navy straight from high school and served for 4 years. In 2003, he enlisted in the Army. He became a combat specialist and was deployed to Iraq from February to May of 2009. He was on his first tour in Afghanistan when he was killed in action.

One of his sisters spoke of Jesus in this way: A loving son. A generous brother. A soldier who loved military life. This was apparent in the many medals adorning his uniform.

The people of this body and people throughout this country could not exist without the dedication and sacrifices from the soldiers who serve. Soldiers like Jesus. Soldiers who, above all else, want to honor this country, preserve our freedoms, and protect our families.

There is nothing that I can say or do to take away the pain his family feels at the loss of Jesus. But I hope they are comforted by knowing the memory of Specialist Jesus Flores will remain, and we will continue to honor his service every day.

WHITE HOUSE JOBS SUMMIT

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. Today, in the midst of a harsh recession, the President will convene a jobs summit at the White House. Coming nearly 1 year after the passage of the so-called "stimulus" bill that Speaker PELOSI said was about jobs, jobs, jobs, unemployment remains at record levels in this country.

Today's White House jobs summit is a tacit admission that the economic policies of this administration and this Congress have failed. But, Mr. Speaker, we can bring America back by applying fiscal discipline here in Washington, D.C., and giving the American people fast-acting tax relief for working families, small businesses, and family farms.

Jack Kemp said years ago, There is a wisdom and intelligence in ordinary men and women far superior to the experts. Well, let's heed that wisdom and intelligence of ordinary Americans. Let's reject the politics of borrowing and spending and bailouts. Let's embrace what has always worked. And let's bring America back with fiscal discipline and tax relief today.

TAKING CARE OF THINGS AT HOME

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KUCINICH. America is in the fight of its life. And the fight is not in Afghanistan; it's here. We're deeply in debt. Our GDP is down; our manufacturing is down; our savings are down; the value of the dollar is down. Our trade deficit is up; business failures are up; bankruptcies are up; foreign borrowing is up.

The war is a threat to our national security. We'll spend over \$100 billion next year to bomb a nation of poor people while we reenergize the Taliban, destabilize Pakistan, deplete our Army, and put more soldiers' lives on the line.

Meanwhile, back here in the USA, 15 million people out of work; people losing their jobs, their health care, their savings, their investments, their retirement security; \$13 trillion in bailouts for Wall Street, trillions for war.

When are we going to start taking care of things here at home?

VICTORY IN AFGHANISTAN

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, success in Afghanistan should be defined in the tradition of Ronald Reagan: we win and the terrorists lose.

While his decision was long overdue, I was pleased the President announced sending 30,000 reinforcements to Afghanistan. The President has listened to our commanders on the ground for a counterinsurgency to secure Afghanistan, which protects American families. This decision will defeat al Qaeda terrorists and the Taliban in Afghanistan. Along the border with Pakistan, U.S. troops are denying al Qaeda and Taliban safe havens in which to operate.

For the sake of our mission, American families at home, and our brave men and women in uniform, I hope the President will rally congressional leaders behind his strategy and our troops' mission for victory in Afghanistan. Supporting the President's decision shouldn't come down to party lines. Terrorists do not differentiate between Republicans and Democrats as targets.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

UPS WORK-A-DAY AND SMALL BUSINESS

(Mr. HALL of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HALL of New York. Earlier this week, I spent a day working alongside Al McDonnell, a delivery driver for UPS. Together, we delivered packages to small businesses in downtown